***Statement***

*Details of amount spent by Government on welfare schemes*

(Rs. in crores)

| Sl.No. | Schemes/Year | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | NMDFC* | 24.00 | 17.16 | 73.65 |
| 2. | Schemes run by Central Wakf Council | 1.58 | 1.48 | 1.47 |
| 3. | Schemes run by Maulana Azad Education Foundation | - | 3.75 | 1.00 |
| 4. | Coaching and allied assistance for weaker sections including SC, OBC and Minorities | 5.47 | 3.98 | 4.96 |

* National Minorities Development & Finance Corporation

**Adoption laws**

2061. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are more than 12 million destitute children and much more foreign couples are keen to adopt them;

(b) whether such adoption is prevented by anomalous Indian statutes on adoption of children;

(c) whether the privilege of parenting an orphaned child presently rests with Hindus, Buddhists, Sikhs and Jains under the Hindu Adoptions and Maintenance Act, 1956;

(d) whether the minority communities are governed by the Guardians and Wards Act (GWA) of the bygone era of 1890; and

(e) whether Government would consider framing a uniform law on adoption?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) No survey regarding the number of destitute children in the country has been carried out.

(b) No. Sir.

(c) An orphan child who is legally free for adoption can be given in adoption to a Hindu, Buddhist, Sikh or Jain under the Hindu Adoption and maintenance Act, 1956, whereas, a person belonging to other communities can take a child in adoption under section 41 of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000.

(d) Minority communities are governed by the Guardians and Wards Act (GAWA), 1890 for the purpose of guardianship only. However, they can adopt under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000.

(e) At present, there is no proposal under consideration of the government for framing a uniform law on adoption.

**Implementation of protection of Civil Rights Act and SC/ST Act**

2062. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRIMATI JAMANA DEVI BARUPAL:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Centre have instructed all the State Governments to implement protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955 and SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989;

(b) whether in addition Centre have also instructed identification of atrocities prone areas and prepared an action plan for taking necessary preventive steps to protect life and property of the members belonging to SCs/STs communities;

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take in this regard; and

(d) by when implementation of the Civil Rights Act is likely to be considered?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Since Governments/Union Territory Administrations are the implementing authority of the said Acts, suitable advisories are issued to them from time to time for effective implementation of both the Acts. Assistance is also provided to them for strengthening of the administrative, enforcement and judicial machinery, awareness generation as also for relief and rehabilitation to the affected persons, etc.